

Comptroller General of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

## Decision

Matter of:

Asbestos Control Management, Inc.

File:

B-258153

Date:

August 24, 1994

## DECISION

Asbestos Control Management, Inc. protests the award of a contract under solicitation No. F49642-94-B-A046 by the Department of the Air Force. Asbestos alleges that the apparent low bidder has misrepresented itself as a small disadvantaged business concern.

We dismiss the protest because our Office generally does not review the stewardship of small disadvantaged business contracting programs.

Small disadvantaged business status under the Department of Defense's small disadvantaged business contracting program is determined by the Small Business Administration (SBA), not the General Accounting Office. 13 C.F.R. §§ 124.601 et seq. Under SBA's regulations, a protest challenging the disadvantaged status of a bidder or offeror is to be timely filed with the contracting officer, who in turn refers it to the SBA for a decision. 13 C.F.R. § 124.605. Accordingly, there is no basis for us to consider the protest.

The protest is dismissed.

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